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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 21 Oct 93 01:21:43 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: "Vanity" Call Signs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

jdelancy writes:

>Did anyone pick up on the fact that the House and Senate
>approved legislation that authorized the FCC to issue
>"unique" ham call signs at a cost of seven bucks per
>year to the ham radio community? Apparently it was contained

>in the Presidential budget plan and even caught the Commission
>off guard..
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>ARRL, want to comment on this?

Yes. This was brought to my attention last week. Seems the W5YI Report of 15 August had an article about it and the October issue of Radio Fun had an article which quoted the W5YI article:

VANITY CALLSIGNS AUTHORIZED

Both the House and Senate have approved legislation authorizing the FCC to issue unique amateur radio callsigns, at a cost of \$7 per year, to the ham community. The surprise measure was inserted into the recently signed deficit reduction bill of President Clinton.

According to a congressional aid close to the plan, "We envision that the legislation will probably be implemented so that an amateur pays \$35 every five years, although there is no language in the bill that says they have to do it that way. It only says they have the authority because they do not have this authority right now. ...As I understand it, the proceeds will go to the FCC to augment their budget... pay for equipment, staff, and stuff." The only amateurs who would be subject to the new fees are those requesting special, distinctive callsigns.

I was hoping the ARRL would have something to add but haven't heard anything yet.

Kris AA5U0

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 04:56:37 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: 10 meter beacon
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CF83o7.4Bs@iat.holonet.net> bwilkins@iat.holonet.net (Bob Wilkins n6fri) writes:

>jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu (Jeffrey Herman) writes:
>: Could any member of the Northern California DX Club please email me
>: (in regard to the construction and coordination of a 10M beacon).
>: Thanks so much!
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>: Jeff NH6IL
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>Please be sure to include the "straight" key circuit as Jeff can't handle
>any thing else ;)

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>Bob Wilkins n6fri voice 440.250+ 100pl san francisco bay area

Date: 21 Oct 93 13:17:54 GMT
From: mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx!lkollar@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Computer Interference
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

fsrla@aurora.alaska.edu wrote:

> ANYWAY.....my computer (aside from hating modems...) seems
> to be causing CONSIDERABLE interference to my 2M transceiver.
> Its (the radio *GRIN*) an d OLD Kenwood TR-7400A, and unfortunately
> the only place I can put it is right next to my computer, a Mac LCII.
> Can anyone suggest some way of getting rid of this problem????
> (that doesn't involve me shooting the computer and/or the radio??)

Is the video cable about 6 feet (~2 meters) long? If so, try rolling up
any slack and put ferrite beads on both ends.

Hope that helps. But if you decide to shoot the computer, let me know. My
12-gauge is loaded and somewhat upset about missing the opening day of deer
season. :-)

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Larry Kollar, KC4WZK | I like CW, but that doesn't mean I think every ham
lkollar@nyx.cs.du.edu | should have to learn it.

 "You mean you came back from the dead, to tell me I'm *odd*?"

Date: 21 Oct 93 12:10:59 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Delta's policy on personal electronics
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

mike.linnig@dseg.ti.com recently wrote:

>Folks,

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>I just received the following guidelines on using personal electronics
>in my Delta Frequent Flier Newsletter:

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(stuff deleted)

>| You may use personal electronics such as personal computers and CD players
>| on board. However, during the taxi, takeoff, initial climb, approach and
>| landing phases, you'll be asked to switch these devices off. Once the
>| "fasten seat belt" sign has been turned off and/or the flight crew has made
>| the appropriate announcement you may resume use. Other items that fall under
>| these guidelines include:
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>| personal computer games, VHF scanner receivers, digital audiotape and
>| cassette tape player/recorders, video recorders/playback systems or
>| calculators.
>|
>| Of course, you may operate certain personal items such as hearing
>| aids, implanted medical devices, pagers and electric shavers without concern.

I am intrigued by the second item. I don't know how to read this. Either I
can't use a VHF scanner receiver, calculator and cassette tape player or I can
use all three! If it is the latter, that would certainly allow alot of
the scanner enthusiasts some fun.

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Kraft General Foods Corp.	Slogan: "ervice is ur mott"

Date: Fri, 15 Oct 1993 20:18:02 GMT
From: microsoft!hexnut!frede@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Drake 7 Series Equipment for Sale
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have the following Drake 7-line equipment for sale. This equipment is
all solid state and (unless otherwise noted) is in excellent condition:

- 1) Drake TR-7 Transceiver. Includes general coverage receiver and
matching PS-7 power supply, matching MS-7 speaker, RV7- external
VFO, and MN-7 matching network (antenna tuner). The radio has some front panel
scratches but is otherwise in fine shape. Just serviced and aligned by Drake
in the past month. \$650.00

2) Drake R-7A Receiver. This is considered one of the world's finest general coverage shortwave receivers. It contains Sherwood crystal filters for 6, 4, 2, 7, 1.5, and .5 kHz. It also comes with the extremely rare RV-75 Digitally synthesized VFO (which provides drift-free tuning). I am also selling it with the highly regarded Sherwood SE-3 which provides "high fidelity" ECSS reception (see Passport to World Band Radio for details) and the matching MS-7 speaker. This is a superb, professional shortwave monitoring setup which is in like-new condition. Asking \$1100 for the entire setup.

Both units can be had for \$1600 (with cable so that the RV-75 can control both units.

Full owners AND service manuals are included in the price of each unit.

Please contact Fredric Einstein at 206-936-2520, or reply to this posting.

Thanks!

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 00:44:50 GMT
From: vnet.net!proclt!pro-charlotte!mikem@uunet.uu.net
Subject: FT-470 Intermod problems
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Send the radio back to Yaesu in California. They will do the mod for free. I bought my FT-470 used and had the same problem. I just got it back yesterday. I'm a little concerned that signal strength is a little less on 2 meters than it was. Also the S-meter reads a bit on the low side on 2 meters. I'm happy to say that the intermod problem is fixed!

Mike Miranda, KD4WKV

Date: 21 Oct 1993 04:03:06 GMT
From: nevada.edu!news.unomaha.edu!crcnis1.unl.edu!unlinfo.unl.edu!
mcduffie@uunet.uu.net
Subject: GAY & QST
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

brett@micromed.com (brett miller) writes:

~~~ much deleted ~~~

>to. The fact is, as a club, we are Hams first, and members of the  
>church second. We do not litigate to be recognized or accepted by

>everyone.

That's precisely where the difference lies. They are queer FIRST and hams second. Ah yes, there's that word. Someone is sure to take exception to it but that's life. Call it what it is. I'm only saying what many others are afraid of saying. Gay means happy, merry, delightful. Queer means different from the usual or normal (right from Webster). If the shoe fits, wear it.

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>I have nothing against gays, but I disagree with any person or group
>that uses Amateur Radio as a soap box for their special interests,
>especially when those interests are totally unrelated to the hobby.

Agree, 100%, every word!

>brett N7OLQ

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>brett@micromed.com (brett miller)

Gary

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 21:30:56 GMT
From: paris.ics.uci.edu!csulb.edu!library.ucla.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!utnut!torn!nott!cunews!revcan!rubicon!
cowan@@news.service.uci.edu
Subject: GAY INTERNATIONAL HAM RADIO CLUB
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <dbledsoeCF0HxH.4n7@netcom.com> dbledsoe@netcom.com (Donnelly R. Bledsoe) writes:

>What is LARC?

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>The Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an international, non-
>profit organization of amateur radio operators (hams), short wave
>radio listeners, and persons interested in amateur radio,
>electronics and computers most of whom are members of sexual
>minorities. Most LARC members possess a high degree of technical

...

>In March of 1992, LARC filed a discrimination complaint against
>the ARRL in Connecticut with the aid of the Lambda Legal Defense
>and Education Fund. The ARRL is contesting the claim and the
>process could drag on for years. Meanwhile, we're remain unable
>to get the word out about our club.

...

I wonder if this club would be proud to accept white, anglo-saxon, male heterosexuals without question or if they are just a bunch of whiners who think it's OK for them to discriminate against other people, but not OK for other people to discriminate against them.

I hope the right to free speech and free press overcomes their lawsuit (assuming that what was written by the ARRL was, in fact, true - not having seen the article, I don't know).

Not much gets under my skin more than people launching lawsuits against someone for expressing an opinion that those people find offensive. In Canada, a LAW was even passed to aid such lawsuits! Hopefully the US has a bit more concern for freedom.

Date: Tue, 19 Oct 1993 22:43:07
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!lgc.com!news.oc.com!utacfd.uta.edu!rwsys!ocitor!
FredGate@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: HDN Releases
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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- /hamlog (Logging Programs)
- /hamcomm (APLink/JvFax/Rtty/etc)
- /hammods (Equip modification)
- /hamswl (SWBC Skeds/Frequencies)
- /hamscan (Scanner Frequencies)
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Date: 20 Oct 1993 12:00:14 -0500

From: pipex!bnr.co.uk!corpgate!crchh327.bnr.ca!kharker@uunet.uu.net

Subject: HF fax reception

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am curious. I have a DX440 (Sangean ATS-803A) and I am wondering if I might be able to pick up HF fax or rtty traffic. I don't know if my reciever picks up these signals where I am or not, but assuming that there were fax broadcasts that I could receive, what other hardware would I need to, say, view the fax on my pc or Macintosh? I have a TNC for my VHF packet radio setup, but I don't think it was designed for HF. Would I need an HF-fax-capable tnc and just run a cable to the audio-out (headphone jack)? Or are there simpler, less expensive options? Something I could build myself perhaps? And what sort of software would I need?

And would that software typically come with a list of frequencies that carry fax traffic?

Or is all of this moot because the DX440 isn't up to the job?

And how about rtty?

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kharker@bnr.ca         Richardson, Texas, USA      are solely mine and do
N1PVB                  (214) 684-5115           not represent BNR"
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Date: 21 Oct 93 13:19:22 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Politically correct pronouns.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

> "...change *his* hobby..."? Hey you SEXIST twit, maybe you
> didn't know it, but females can be amateur radio operators too!
> Claude, allow me to suggest bowling...

a bit over-reactive, ain't we, Tim?

it's still accepted practice to use the masculine pronoun for references to all. much better than the s/h/it scheme some have proposed. that's right up there with the folks that think words like "history" are from "his story" and therefore attempt to talk about "herstory" and such nonsense.

BTW -- in Bowling there are 2 separate sanctioning organizations divided along sex lines. The American Bowling Congress is for the guys and the Women's International Bowling Congress is for the gals. The ABC will not sanction mixed leagues - you go to WIBC for that -- but the guys have to fork the sanction money over to the ABC (believe right now WIBC and ABC sanction fees are about the same, but for some time the ABC fees were significantly higher).

Of course, WIBC must be expanding - noticed that on some used Brunswick Max pins the house was selling for an MDA benefit that the pin was marked with both ABC and WIBC logos and permit numbers. the circa 1962 AMF pin that my brother has (round logo and everything - this was an "oops" in that movie "The Sandlot" where the clubhouse pin has the magic triangle logo) just has an ABC permit number. We used to have some wooden rubber band duckpins from the days before plastic coating (found by my dad and his crew when renovating a closed bowling alley into a maintenance shop for a dairy) and wooden duckpin balls...i don't know where they ended up.

Amazingly enough, the new pins are still maple but with better plastic coatings than in the 1960's (better wear, more action and produces more toxic

fumes when burned). Kinda expected a solid synthetic pin by now to go with the particle board alleys. Still amazed that some of the pinsetters/pinspotters in use at the house have name plates on them that refer to "Chicago, Illinois" (before postal zones were commonly in use).

I believe it's the ABC side of the local bowling association that gets the job of certifying high scores...the WIBC gals have their thing they do in the administration of the game but it's been awhile since I was bowling regularly (just started again last summer) so i'm a little out of touch with the local structures. I also understand there is a lot more commonality now than there used to be -- driven by economic need.

bill "can't afford resin balls" wb9ivr

Date: 21 Oct 93 00:14:11 GMT
From: amd!amdahl!JUTS!arl00@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Radio Schlock SWR/Power Meter
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

My mailbox hasn't even been blessed by the FCC yet (21 days and counting) and I'm already seriously confused. Last weekend my buddy N8SL came over and helped me set up the beginnings of my shack. Since I also enjoy scanning, we settled on a Sigma Euro-Comm SE-1300, a high quality discone from the UK that is also rated for 200W from 23cm to 6m. Radioware, the outfit I bought the antenna from claimed an SWR for the antenna of "under 2 to 1 for 2m and 70 cm. We hook up my new Kenwood TM-742A to it with 45 feet of 9913 and we're in business. He hits a few of the local repeaters, sounds good, and we figure we're all set. Not willing to leave well enough alone, I stop over at a local RS at lunch and pick up their VHF/UHF SWR*Power Meter. My friend comes over, we hook it in-line between the trans and antenna. The meter gives us three wildly different SWR readings at the low, medium and high power settings of the Kenwood, namely, 1.5, 3, and off the scale, respectively. My Extra friend said that the meter must be trash...that SWR shouldn't vary with the power level.

Does anyone have any experience with the RS Meter (PN# 19-320)? Any explanations for what gives here? Thanx in advance for your help.

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 18:53:55 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!usenet.ucs.indiana.edu!silver.ucs.indiana.edu!djadams@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <21870048@hplvec.LVLD.HP.COM>, <CF66ws.2nC@cbnewst.cb.att.com>,
<1993oct20.182933.11336@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>ilve
Subject : Ham dealer in Bloominton?

Greetings! I need to pick up a 300W 50 ohm dummy load this weekend, but the 2 stores in Indy (R&L and Curran) only have the 1.5kw jobs in stock. I don't want to pay double the price for a power level I will NEVER use (not an amp kinda guy), so I was hoping someone might know of a dealer in the Bloomington, Indiana area or other dealers in the Idianapolis, IN area besides the two above. I would appreciate any information which could be supplied.

Dave

David J Adams Internet: djadams@silver.ucs.indiana.edu
Amiga User and Flow Cytometry Advocate
Looking for a Kenwood TS520s and a mobile 2m rig
Conure Society of America. "Push the button Frank"

Date: (null)
From: (null)
Jeff

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 18:48:06 GMT
From: world!slm@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <Oct.19.21.10.38.1993.5995@remus.rutgers.edu>,
<CF7EsK.3MG@world.std.com>, <POPOVICH.930ct20132833@prince.cs.columbia.edu>≥Ω
Subject : Re: Casual DX'er needs help on direct QSL'ing

popovich@prince.cs.columbia.edu (Steve Popovich) writes:

>Has T9 been the prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina ever since the breakup?
>I'd like to know, since around the beginning of the year, I worked a
>station, identifying as 404D, that said that it was in
>Bosnia-Herzegovina. Was this some kind of pirate?

I can't remember when exactly the ITU formally assigned the T9 prefix to Bosnia, but it was months after the war started. It might have been this

spring.

According to a Bosnian ham in Sarajevo, the 404 prefix was never properly allocated by Bosnian authorities and used under the legal authority of the Bosnian government since Bosnian independence. Many Bosnian hams changed their YU4 prefixes to 4N4 until the T9 were assigned. It is likely that the 404 station was operating from Bosnian territory controlled by Serbian nationalists -- either as a pirate, or claiming that the Bosnian Serb nationalists have the right to issue and use Yugoslav prefixes on Bosnian territory. No international body currently accepts that view.

Much to my anger, the ARRL agreed to accept the 404 prefix for Bosnian DXCC credit during the time between Bosnia being recognized as a DXCC country (I forget the exact date now) and the official awarding of the T9 prefix.

There are still 404 stations operating on the air. They are using a Yugoslav prefix on the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina -- as such, they are not operating legally according to internationally recognized boundaries of the country and the internationally recognized government. Nor are they currently accepted for DXCC credit.

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electronic address: slm@world.std.com

Date: 20 Oct 1993 18:49:39 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!haven.umd.edu!
cville-srv.wam.umd.edu!ham@network.ucsd.edu

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <Oct.19.21.10.38.1993.5995@remus.rutgers.edu>,
<CF7EsK.3MG@world.std.com>, <POPOVICH.93Oct20132833@prince.cs.columbia.edu>
Subject : Re: Casual DX'er needs help on direct QSL'ing

In article <POPOVICH.93Oct20132833@prince.cs.columbia.edu>,
Steve Popovich <popovich@prince.cs.columbia.edu> wrote:
>> See above. It is Croatia. Other new prefixes for new countries of ex-YU:
>Has T9 been the prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina ever since the breakup?
>I'd like to know, since around the beginning of the year, I worked a
>station, identifying as 404D, that said that it was in
>Bosnia-Herzegovina. Was this some kind of pirate?
> -Steve

Here's the deal:

When Bosnia-Hercegovina became a country again, the original prefix it took was 4N4. I worked, and got a card from Slaven, 4N4XX. He became T95X sometime during the spring. Macedonia was originally 4N5. These calls changed to Z3 calls about the same time.

Yes, the 404D station COULD have been legitimate. Yugoslavs are still signing with calls like 4N7TA and things like that. The old system worked as:

YU1, YU6, YU7 = Yugoslavia (Still Serbia and Montenegro)

YU2 = Slovenia (I think) ==> S5

YU3 = Croatia ==> 9A

YU4 = Bosnia-Hercegovina ==> 4N4 ==> T9

YU5 = Macedonia ==> 4N5 ==> Z3

Quite a mess, eh? I KNOW the Croatia, Bosnia, and Macedonia info is right, but I'm not exactly sure what the Slovenians used to be - YU2 sounds right.

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73,

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